

REMARKSClaim Status

Claims 10 and 11 stand allowed.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-9, and 12-29 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Patel (U.S. Patent No. 5,396,403) in view of Newton et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,459,581). The Examiner rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Patel in view of Newton.

Examiner Interview

On June 11, 2003, the Examiner and Applicants' attorney discussed proposed claim amendments. The Examiner indicated that amended claims 1, 8, 12, 17, and 27 provided in similar to that submitted herein would be allowable over the referenced cited in the Office Action dated March 17, 2003.

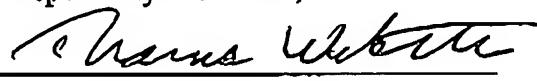
Applicants request allowance of claims 2-7 for at least the same reasons as pertain to claim 1. Applicants request allowance of claim 9 for at least the same reasons as pertain to claim 8. Applicants request allowance of claims 13-16 for at least the same reasons as pertain to claim 12. Applicants request allowance of claims 18-20 and 22-26 for at least the same reasons as pertain to base claim 17. Applicants request allowance of claims 28-29 for at least the same reasons as pertain to base claim 27. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to allow pending claims 1-20 and 22-29.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, please call the applicants' attorney at (212) 661-5488.

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Respectfully submitted,

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